

Summer 304

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Diocletian struggled with  
his illness

AD 304

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Hsiung-nu (Huns) invade China

April 304

By the time the last Anti-Christian edict was issued, in Apr. 304, Swetlan was already in poor health.

304 - 309

30th Pope - St. Marcellus I  
Rome, Martyr. Insisted that  
Councils needed the approbation  
of the Holy See.

April 304

A ferial edict commanded all Christians, clergy and laity alike, to offer sacrifice, on pain of death.

The anti-Christian measures were enforced to varying degrees in different parts of the empire. The Western provinces, under the control of Maximian and Constantius, were scarcely affected. In the East, however, Diocletian & Galerius presided over persecution on a grand scale, as Christians who refused to recant were

tortured and killed. Christian writers placed  
the blame squarely at the door of Galerius,  
who they described as 'more evil than all  
the evil men who have ever lived'. They  
claimed that ALCOMEDIA during winter  
of 302-303 Galerius argued long & hard  
for an Anti-Christian campaign, and that  
after some hesitation Diocletian reluctantly  
agreed. It is completely nevertheless to completely  
absolve Diocletian from responsibility for the  
great persecution with lurid tales of beatings,  
burnings & Christians thrown to the lions.

AD 304

out of the grasslands of central Asia galloped new  
raiders; the HUNS driven by drought and lured  
by a chance to profit from imperial decay.  
The original Huns spoke the language of  
Paleosiberian fishermen, but they made  
a confederacy with other nomads of the  
steppes who spoke Altaic and Indo-  
European languages. Horses had improved  
greatly and the newly invented stirrup  
made the mounted archers deadly.

The Huns invaded China 304 AD  
and took the capital Lo-Yang seven years  
later



304 AD

The Actor Genseric dies a martyr's death during a performance in Rome

Dec 304

Diocletian collapsed in his palace at NICOMEDIA. He was expected to die, but the allies persuaded him to abdicate and retire to spend his last years in the magnificent palace he had built for himself at SPALATO (Split), on the Adriatic coast. For the plan to work it was essential for Maximian to abdicate.